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WATSON'S WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Developments at Washington, exposing delay in war preparations, have been responsible for a large amount of liquidation in the stock market, representing a lack of confidence on the part of investors in the efficiency of the conduct of the war, following the unsuccessfulness of the postponement of railroad relief. In addition, selling took place on a substantial scale to "fix" losses that might be incorporated in the income tax returns due to be made beginning with January 1. Firmness in money and a scarcity of financing facilities have made it imperative that some corporations liquidate investment holdings of securities of other concerns. Readjustment of holdings in connection with Liberty Loan payments and preparation by the banks for the large end-of-year disbursements operated for calling of loans, and this also weakened speculative holdings of stocks. The continuation of adverse factors overweighed sentiment, and prices melted away to levels which are unquestionably below intrinsic values in many cases. Those who have capital available and can afford to tie it up for a period of time, will find exceptional bargains in the speculative investment field at present prices.

It is always necessary in big business enterprises to know that they are honestly conducted and well managed, and it was evidently the intention of United States senators and some members of the Lower House, to find out how the immense war business enterprise in which this government is now engaged is being conducted, and to offer suggestions for improvement in method. When so much money is to be expended there is generally a "hungry lot" of followers, and those in power must keep their eyes upon this branch of the service as well as to map out intelligently the work of the several departments. Let us hope that a little more activity, vitality and business sense will come to the leaders. In this connection the New York Times says: "Put competent men in the posts of responsibility, forget politics, cure the delay habit, and make full steam ahead." It is to be hoped that this suggestion will be followed with regard to the railroads.

As an example of what corporations at present have to contend with in regard to financing it is stated that two large companies are now in the market for \$25,000,000 each, and will probably have to pay the high rate of 7 per cent. to get accommodation, to compete with government war loans. This money strains, and a reluctance on the part of capitalists to extend definite support to the market for securities by purchases until they are more confident as to the management of the war, explains much of the pessimistic comment in newspaper financial columns. The Pacific common stock has been sold because of estimates that its investment holdings have decreased in value between 20 per cent and 40, and must be marked down on its books. There is a tendency toward more optimism as to the situation on the western battlefield, it being assumed in financial circles that if a smaller number of Germans have been able for a year to prevent a superior number of Allies from going forward materially, an equal number of Allies should be able to prevent successful German drives until the American troops can arrive in force during 1918.

Chairman Vanderlip of the National War Savings Committee, in urging economy, says that with the \$21,000,000,000 now total it will be difficult to induce prosperous wage earners and others to cut down materially expenditures outside of luxuries. He points out that it will be impossible to win the war unless Americans become thrifty. We heartily endorse his constant urging to buy war savings stamps, believing it will not only help to win the war, but will cultivate a valuable habit for peace. The latest peace rumors are receiving consideration, but it is doubted that much progress will be made at this time with the British Premier and our own President reiterating their declarations that the only way to a permanent peace is through the defeat of Prussian militarism.

THE FIRST INTEREST INSTALLMENT.

On December 15 the first installment of interest on the two billion dollars of the first issue of Liberty Loan Bonds became due. The amount approximated \$15,000,000, being \$1.75 interest on every one hundred dollars of bonds.

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Hereafter every six months ten to fifteen million American citizens are to receive interest money on their Liberty Loan Bonds from the United States government. This is going to create a closer and more direct association of these citizens with their government, and the effect of this association is going to be of great value to these citizens and of great value to the Nation in making them more personally interested in their government and more active and alert in exercise of their duties and rights as citizens. Every Liberty Bond holder is going to be an active champion of wise and economic legislation and administration.

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VALUATION OF BANK SHARES.

As Made by the State Tax Commissioner.

National Banking Associations.	
Bethel.	1914 1917
Bethel National Bank.....	105 105
Canaan National Bank.....	100 100
Danbury National Bank.....	118 118
Falls Village.	
National Iron Bank.....	100 102
Greenwich.	
Greenwich Nat. Bank.....	150 140
Litchfield.	
First National Bank.....	120 120
New Canaan.	
First National Bank.....	103 103
New Milford.	
First National Bank.....	122 122
Central National Bank.....	105 95
Fairfield City Nat. Bank.....	125 125
National Bank of Norwalk.....	113 113
Ridgfield.	
First National Bank.....	200 210
South Norwalk.	
City National Bank.....	183 183
Stamford.	
First National Bank.....	190 185
Stamford National Bank.....	135 135
Thomaston.	
Thomaston National Bank.....	112 112
Torrington.	
Brooks National Bank.....	192 192
Torrington National Bank.....	180 180
Winsted.	
First National Bank.....	105 105
Hartford National Bank.....	175 175
Trust and Investment Companies.	
Darien.	
Home Bank & Trust Co.....	65 65
Norwalk.	
Peoples Trust Co.....	100 102
Shelton.	
Shelton Bank & Trust Co.....	120 120
South Norwalk.	
South Norwalk Trust Co.....	80 85
Southport.	
Southport Trust Co.....	117 115
Stamford.	
Fidelity Title & Trust Co.....	135 160
Stamford Trust Co.....	195 190
Stamford Morris Plan Co.....	110 110
Stamford.	
Stratford Trust Co.....	120 120
Watertown.	
Watertown Trust Co.....	108 108
Westport.	
Westport Bank & Trust Co.....	125 150
Winsted.	
Winsted Trust Co (part paid) 20	20

MUCH STOCK WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

If some concerted action would be taken by Wall Street whereby independent representation would be gained in the directorships of the important corporations—representation to which the owners of stocks held for them in Wall Street could look for guidance—the result would be beneficial in many ways. Most corporations look upon the stocks held in brokers' names as belonging to no one, and consequently take no voluntary steps to give them proper representation. But these stocks are the property of thousands of persons throughout the country who are dependent upon Wall Street for the protection of their rights.

The selection of directors to represent these interests should be made so as not to burden any one individual with too many responsibilities. One person should be chosen to the board of but one company. To him the stockholders would be free to apply for information as to the condition of the company and what his board is planning to do. The director would be in a position to act as he thinks best for the wide range of stockholders he represents.

When companies whose stocks are dealt in on the New York market are mismanaged, the country generally blames the condition on Wall Street which, being without adequate representation, ought not to be held responsible if company difficulties arise. Independent directors of this kind would have a stimulating effect on corporation management and business. If corporations will not voluntarily select directors for such representation, the only recourse lies through a concerted effort to obtain proxies and through them to elect men to the various boards. Wall Street would then be in a much better position to serve stockholders.

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BALINT KORIK
VS. Order of Notice
ZSOF LA CSERES KORIK.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, ss.,
SUPERIOR COURT.

Bridgeport, Dec. 28, A. D. 1917.
Upon the complaint of the said Balint Korik praying for reasons therein set forth for a divorce and the custody of both children, now pending before this court, having been returned thereto, on the first Tuesday of September, 1917.

It appearing to and being found by this court that Zsóf La Cseres Korik, the said defendant is absent from this State and gone to parts unknown, and that notice of the pendency of the complaint was given as required by order of notice heretofore issued, and now the plaintiff asks for a further order of notice in the premises. Therefore Ordered, that notice of the pendency of said complaint be given by publishing this order in the Bridgeport Farmer, a newspaper printed in Bridgeport, three times successively, commencing on or before the 27th day of December, A. D. 1917.

FRED W. TRACY,
Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court for Fairfield County. T 29 s *

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VS. Order of Notice
MARIAN STODDARD BLACKWOOD

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, ss.,
SUPERIOR COURT.

Bridgeport, Dec. 21, A. D. 1917.
Upon the complaint of the said Albert P. Blackwood of Bridgeport, Conn., praying for reasons therein set forth, for a divorce now pending before this court, having been returned thereto on the first Tuesday of February, 1917.

It appearing to and being found by this court that Marian Stoddard Blackwood, the said defendant is absent from this State and gone to parts unknown, and that notice of the pendency of the complaint was given as required by order of notice heretofore issued, and now the plaintiff asks for a further order of notice in the premises.

Therefore Ordered, that notice of the pendency of said complaint be given by publishing this order in the Bridgeport Farmer, a newspaper printed in Bridgeport, three times successively, commencing on or before the 27th day of December, A. D. 1917.

By the Court,
WILLIAM T. HAVLAND,
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